

CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method for enhancing the efficacy of a chemotherapeutic for inhibiting growth of a tumor in a patient, comprising
 - administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a carbohydrate which binds to a galectin and comprises a polymeric backbone; and
 - administering said chemotherapeutic to said patient.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said galectin is present on the cell surface of a tissue of said patient.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate binds to galectin-1 or galectin-3.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate comprises a polymeric backbone having side chains dependent therefrom, said side chains being terminated by a galactose or arabinose unit.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate comprises a substantially demethoxylated polygalacturonic acid which is interrupted with rhamnose residues.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate comprises a branched carbohydrate.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate comprises a modified pectin.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said modified pectin comprises a pH modified pectin.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said modified pectin comprises an enzymatically modified pectin.
11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said modified pectin comprises a thermally modified pectin.
12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said modified pectin comprises a modified citrus pectin.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said modified pectin has a molecular weight in the range of 1-50 kilodalton.
16. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said modified pectin has a molecular weight in the range of 1-15 kilodalton.
17. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said modified pectin has a molecular weight of approximately 10 kilodalton.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein administering said carbohydrate to said patient comprises injecting said carbohydrate into said patient.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein administering said carbohydrate to said patient comprises orally administering said carbohydrate to said patient.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein administering said carbohydrate to said patient comprises administering said carbohydrate prior to administering said chemotherapeutic to said patient.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein administering said carbohydrate to said patient comprises administering said carbohydrate to said patient after said chemotherapeutic is administered to said patient.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate is administered concomitant with said chemotherapeutic.
23. (Previously Presented) A method for enhancing the efficacy of a chemotherapeutic for inhibiting growth of a tumor in a patient, comprising
 - administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a carbohydrate which binds to a galectin; and
 - administering said chemotherapeutic to said patient,wherein said carbohydrate comprises a polymeric backbone having side chains comprising one or more sugars dependent therefrom.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said carbohydrate binds to galectin-3.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said carbohydrate is a naturally occurring carbohydrate or a modified product thereof.
27. (Canceled)
28. (Previously Presented) A method for enhancing the efficacy of an oncolytic chemotherapeutic in inhibiting growth of a tumor in a patient, comprising
 - administering to said patient, prior to or concomitant with said oncolytic chemotherapeutic, a therapeutically effective amount of a carbohydrate comprising a

polymeric backbone having side chains dependent therefrom, said side chains being terminated by a galactose or arabinose unit, and

administering said oncolytic chemotherapeutic to said patient.